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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, MAINTENANCE)	
METHOD THEREFOR, SEMICONDUCTOR)	July 18, 2003
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD)	
USING THE APPARATUS, AND)	
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING)	
FACTORY)	

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These documents were cited during prosecution of copending parent application no. 09/986,918, filed November 13, 2001.

The Okabe article is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the subject specification.

Japanese patent document numbers 6-260385 and 8-279458 are discussed on page 3 of the subject specification.


Japanese patent document number 2000-179950 is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the subject specification.

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